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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ANNUAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Labor (DOL) has a decentralized Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) program in which each component agency responds directly to FOIA requests implicating its programs and activities. This allows for more accurate, complete, and timely responses to the public. While this report reflects FOIA activities at the Departmental level, it also distinguishes the volume and timeliness of each DOL component as it carries out its respective responsibilities under the FOIA.

Although FOIA processes at DOL are decentralized, departmental oversight is provided by the Office of Information Services (OIS), which operates under the supervision of the Solicitor of Labor, the Department's Chief FOIA Officer. OIS provides agency-wide leadership and guidance to ensure compliance with FOIA, particularly to increase the quality and timeliness of FOIA responses; reduce the backlog of pending FOIA requests; and review the effectiveness of each agency's FOIA processes in order to benchmark best practices, and make recommendations for programmatic improvements.

During FY2018, the Department received a total of **14,696** initial requests and processed **14,679** requests. Additional information about the Department's FOIA program is available online at <http://www.dol.gov/dol/foia/>.

I. Basic Information Regarding Report.

A. For questions concerning this report, please contact Ramona Branch Oliver, Director, Office of Information Services (OIS), Office of the Solicitor, Room N-2420, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone number (202) 693-5391, fax number

202-693-5389.

B. The electronic address for this report is <http://www.dol.gov/dol/foia/main.htm>.

C. You may obtain a paper copy of this report by visiting the DOL website or by contacting OIS using the information above.

II. How to Make a FOIA Request.

The Department of Labor is organized into divisions and agencies often referred to as components. Each component processes its own FOIA requests. Therefore, a request will receive the fastest possible response if it is addressed directly to the disclosure officer for the component that a requester believes has the records.

The DOL "Guide to Submitting a Request Under FOIA" provides general information about the FOIA program at DOL and provides basic information on how to submit a FOIA request. The Guide also contains links to the DOL agency components in both the national and regional offices, a brief description of expected response times and reasons why some requests cannot be granted by DOL. This Guide is available on DOL's website at <http://www.dol.gov/dol/foia/guide6.htm>.

Requesters who cannot determine the proper disclosure officer to whom a request should be addressed may direct the request to the Office of Information Services (OIS), Office of the Solicitor, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-2420, Washington, D.C. 20210, by e-mail to foiarequests@dol.gov or by fax to 202-693-5389.

A. The following list contains the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the individual agency components and offices in the national and regional offices of the Department of Labor. The disclosure officer for each component is responsible for making records in the custody of that component available for inspection and copying, in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA. Unless otherwise specified, the mailing address for the following national office components is as follows:

U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

1. Office of the Secretary (OSEC), (202) 693-7277
2. Office of the Solicitor (SOL), (202) 693-5391
3. Office of Administrative Law Judges (ALJ), 800 K Street, N.W., Suite N-400, Washington, D.C. 20001-8002, (202) 693-7440
4. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (OASAM), (202) 693-7277
5. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy (OASP), (202) 693-5925

6. Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), (202) 693-6806
7. Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs (OCIA), (202) 693-4630
8. Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), (202) 693-4930
9. Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), (202) 693-1145
10. Office of Inspector General (OIG), (202) 693-5113
11. Office of Labor Management Standards (OLMS), (202) 693-0123
12. Office of Public Affairs (OPA), (202) 693-4654
13. Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), (202) 693-0934
14. Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), (202) 693-4770
15. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Postal Square Building, Room 4040, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212-0001, (202) 691-7628
16. Employment and Training Administration (ETA), (202) 693-3140
Job Corps (part of ETA), 1-800-733-JOBS
17. Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), 1100 Wilson Boulevard, 21st Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22209, (202) 693-9424
18. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), (202) 693-1897
19. Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), (202) 693-8655
20. Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), (202) 693-4745
21. Employees' Compensation Appeals Board (ECAB), (202) 693-5028
22. Administrative Review Board (ARB), (202) 693-5028
23. Benefits Review Board (BRB), (202) 693-5028
24. Wage and Hour Division (WHD), (202) 693-0388
25. Women's Bureau (WB), (202) 693-6735

The addresses and telephone numbers for the various regional offices for the Department's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (OASAM) are listed below.

Region I:

U.S. Department of Labor
John F. Kennedy Federal Building
One Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02203
(617) 565-1991
(For Wage and Hour Division only: Contact Region III)

Region II:

U.S. Department of Labor
201 Varick Street
New York, New York 10014
(212) 337-2215
(For Wage and Hour Division only: Contact Region III)

Region III:

U.S. Department of Labor
The Curtis Center, Suite 600 East
170 S. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-3305
(215) 861-5030

Region IV:

U.S. Department of Labor
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 562-2018

For Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP) in Region IV only:
U.S. Department of Labor
214 N. Hogan Street, Suite 1006
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
(904) 357-4725

Region V:

U.S. Department of Labor
Kluczynski Federal Building
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 353-8373

For OWCP, Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) in Region V only:
U.S. Department of Labor
1240 East Ninth Street, Room 851
Cleveland, Ohio 44199
(216) 357-5372

Region VI:

U.S. Department of Labor
525 Griffin Square Building
Griffin & Young Streets
Dallas, Texas 75202
(214) 767-6800

Region VII:

U.S. Department of Labor
City Center Square Building
1100 Main Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105-2112
(816) 426-3891
(For Wage and Hour Division only: Contact Region V)

For Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) in Region VII only:
U.S. Department of Labor
1100 Main Street, Suite 860
Kansas City, Missouri 64105
(816) 502-0370

Region VIII:

U.S. Department of Labor
1999 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80202
(303) 844-1700
(For Wage and Hour Division and OFCCP: Contact Region VI)

For OWCP in Region VII only:
U.S. Department of Labor
1999 Broadway, Suite 600
Denver, Colorado 80201
(720) 264-3038

The mailing address for the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Director of the Regional Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in Region VIII is:

Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training
U.S. Custom House
721 - 19th Street, Room 465
Denver, Colorado 80202
(303) 844-4791

Region IX:

U.S. Department of Labor
90 7th Street, Suite 18-300
San Francisco, California 94105
(415) 625-7804
(415) 625-7799 (fax)

U.S. Department of Labor
1111 Third Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101-3212
(415) 975-4057

(For Wage and Hour Division: Contact San Francisco)

B. Agency response time.

The vast majority of requests received by the Department are fully processed within 40 working days of receipt. More complex requests take additional time to process.

C. Why some requests are not granted.

A FOIA request can be made for any agency record. This does not mean, however, that the Labor Department will disclose every record sought. There are statutory exemptions that authorize the withholding of certain information. In addition, the agency cannot comply with a FOIA request if there are no responsive records. Further, FOIA does not require agencies to do research for the requester, to analyze data, to answer questions, or to create records in order to respond to a FOIA request.

III. Definitions of Terms and Acronyms Used in the Report

1. Agency-specific acronyms or other terms.

List Item number	Agency Acroyn	Acroyn definition
1.	ADJ BDS	Adjudicatory Boards includes the Administrative Review Board (ARB), Benefits Review Board (BRB), and Employees' Compensation Appeal Board (ECAB)
2.	ALJ	Office of Administrative Law Judges
3.	ASP	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy

List Item number	Agency Acroyn	Acroyn definition
4.	BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
5.	CFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer
6.	EBSA	Employee Benefits Security Administration
7.	ETA	Employment and Training Administration
8.	Exec Sec	Executive Secretariat
9.	ILAB	Bureau of International Labor Affairs
10.	MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
11.	OASAM	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management
12.	OCIA	Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
13.	ODEP	Office of Disability Employment Policy
14.	OFCCP	Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs
15.	OIG	Office of Inspector General
16.	OLMS	Office of Labor Management Standards
17.	OPA	Office of Public Affairs
18.	OSEC	Office of the Secretary
19.	OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
20.	OWCP	Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
21.	SOL	Office of the Solicitor
22.	VETS	Veterans' Employment and Training Service
23.	WB	Women's Bureau
24.	WHD	Wage and Hour Division

2. Definition of Terms Used in This Report.

- a. **Administrative Appeal** - a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.
- b. **Average Number** - the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 8.

- c. **Backlog** - the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.
- d. **Component** - for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a "component" is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division, Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA now requires that agencies include in their Annual FOIA Report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.
- e. **Consultation** - the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency for its review because that other agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency that forwarded.
- f. **Exemption 3 Statute** - a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a "third-party " request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., "first-party " requests) when those requesters are not subject to the Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act "systems of records " or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report. Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)
- g. **Full Grant** - an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.
- h. **Full Denial** - an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entireties under one or more of the FOIA exemptions, or because of a procedural reason, such as when no records could be located.
- i. **Median Number** - the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.
- j. **Multi-Track Processing** - a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are placed in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.
 - i. **Expedited Processing** - an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the

statute and in agency regulations.

- ii. **Simple Request** - a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non-expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.
- iii. **Complex Request** - a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- k. **Partial Grant/Partial Denial** - in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for a procedural reason.
- l. **Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal** - a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.
- m. **Perfected Request** - a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any) and procedures to be followed.
- n. **Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal** - a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.
- o. **Range in Number of Days** - the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.
- p. **Time Limits** - the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).

3. Nine FOIA Exemptions.

- a. **Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information
- b. **Exemption 2:** internal agency rules and practices
- c. **Exemption 3:** information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law
- d. **Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information
- e. **Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
- f. **Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy
- g. **Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C)

could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual

h. **Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions

i. **Exemption 9:** geological information on wells

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied Upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied Upon By Agency Overall
26 U.S.C. § 6103	Certain tax return information, to include Taxpayer Identification Numbers of third parties, and certain tax convention information	Church of Scientology v. IRS, 484 U.S. 9, 15 (1987) (26 U.S.C. § 6103); Pac. Fisheries, Inc. v. IRS, 395 F. App'x. 438, 440 (9th Cir. 2010) (unpublished disposition) (26 U.S.C. §§ 6103, 6105); Leonard v. U.S. Dep't of Treasury, No. 10-6625, 2013 WL 4517912, at *2 (D.N.J. Aug. 26, 2013) (26 U.S.C. § 6103); Tax Analysts v. IRS, 217 F. Supp. 2d 23, 27-29 (D.D.C. 2002) (26 U.S.C. § 6105)	EBSA	3	3

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied Upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied Upon By Agency Overall
41 U.S.C. § 253b(m) (1) (currently at 41 U.S.C. § 4702)	Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts	Sinkfield v. HUD, No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 15, 2012); Margolin v. NASA, No. 09-CV-00421, 2011 WL 1303221, at *6 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2011); Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance granted, No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).	BLS	1	4
			ETA	1	
			OASAM	1	
			OWCP	1	
44 U.S.C. § 3501 note	Data or information acquired under a pledge of confidentiality for exclusively statistical purposes	NONE	BLS	4	4
DOL OVERALL				11	

V. A. FOIA REQUESTS - RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING FOIA REQUESTS

Agency	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
ADJ BDS	0	26	25	1
ALJ	10	127	130	7
ASP	6	32	35	3
BLS	6	43	45	4
CFO	5	19	24	0
EBSA	85	529	581	33
ETA	57	873	873	57
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0
ILAB	1	11	10	2
MSHA	58	756	734	80
OASAM	46	166	203	9
OCIA	2	12	14	0
ODEP	1	0	1	0
OFCCP	13	223	218	18
OIG	24	91	72	43
OLMS	9	65	73	1
OPA	0	0	0	0
OSEC	2	8	2	8
OSHA	566	8,792	8,750	608
OWCP	99	617	642	74
SOL	37	141	134	44
VETS	11	135	140	6
WB	2	14	13	3
WHD	443	2,016	1,960	499

Agency	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
Agency OVERALL	1,483	14,696	14,679	1,500

During fiscal year 2018, as part of DOL's continuing review of the data in the SIMS-FOIA system, DOL worked to evaluate all aspects of the data in the system to promote more accurate data for tracking and reporting purposes. As part of this evaluation, we continued to review the data to identify requests that were received during FY2017 but that were not placed into active processing and tracking status until after the end of the fiscal year. During FY2018, we also identified instances where the system contained data inaccuracies such as requests that had been fully processed during FY2017 but that were not closed correctly in the system. As a result of these reviews, DOL found 87 requests that were not placed into active processing status until the end of FY2017 and 82 requests that had been fully processed but not correctly closed out in the tracking system. These changes impacted the number of requests reported as pending at the end of FY2017. This means that the 1,479 FOIA requests that the FY2017 DOL Annual FOIA report reported as pending at the end of the fiscal year must be increased by four to 1,483 requests pending.

B. (1) Disposition of FOIA Requests - All Processed Requests

Agency/Component	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions						
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee Related Reason	Records Not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not A Reason
ADJ BDS	11	0	1	8	0	4	1	0	0	
ALJ	86	19	2	12	0	4	0	0	0	
ASP	7	5	0	18	3	2	0	0	0	
BLS	13	5	8	18	0	0	0	0	0	
CFO	13	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	
EBSA	151	97	23	78	127	43	8	2	4	
ETA	84	219	11	441	18	10	25	2	20	
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ILAB	1	0	0	7	0	1	1	0	0	
MSHA	152	391	86	43	1	33	9	3	0	
OASAM	48	41	18	18	14	10	1	4	1	

Agency/Component	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants / Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions						
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee Related Reason	Records Not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	N/A
OCIA	1	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	
ODEP	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OFCCP	67	81	16	31	0	2	5	1	2	
OIG	6	19	18	18	7	2	0	1	0	
OLMS	6	25	21	15	0	1	0	0	4	
OPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OSEC	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
OSHA	330	4156	1256	1923	73	292	107	38	31	
OWCP	365	46	24	89	8	23	13	3	46	
SOL	27	27	7	23	9	19	0	9	0	
VETS	20	87	13	5	2	3	0	0	1	
WB	4	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	
WHD	67	1039	80	468	3	137	1	6	16	
AGENCY OVERALL	1461	6258	1585	3235	269	588	171	69	125	

V.B. (2) Disposition of FOIA Requests - "Other" Reasons for "Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions" from Section V, B (1) Chart

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B (1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Replied Upon	TOTAL
ADJ BDS	N/A	0	0
ALJ	N/A	0	0
ASP	N/A	0	0
BLS	N/A	0	0
CFO	N/A	0	0

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B (1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Replied Upon	TOTAL
EBSA	N/A	0	0
ETA	N/A	0	0
EXEC SEC	N/A	0	0
ILAB	N/A	0	0
MSHA	N/A	0	0
OASAM	N/A	0	0
OCIA	N/A	0	0
ODEP	N/A	0	0
OFCCP	N/A	0	0
OIG	N/A	0	0
OLMS	N/A	0	0
OPA	N/A	0	0
OSEC	N/A	0	0
OSHA	Litigation	1	1
OWCP	N/A	0	0
SOL	N/A	0	0

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B (1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Replied Upon	TOTAL
VETS	N/A	0	0
WB	N/A	0	0
WHD	N/A	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL			1

V.B. (3) Disposition of FOIA Requests - Number of Times Exemptions Applied

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
ADJ BDS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALJ	0	0	0	9	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASP	0	0	0	1	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLS	0	0	8	4	7	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
CFO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBSA	0	0	1	31	22	58	19	4	64	2	39	0	0	0
ETA	0	0	0	85	21	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSHA	0	5	0	31	138	129	116	1	307	37	1	1	0	6
OASAM	0	5	0	16	8	21	9	2	7	1	0	0	0	0
OCIA	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ODEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OFCCP	0	0	0	24	17	67	16	1	69	4	54	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	1	0	0	16	10	0	22	1	1	0	0	0
OLMS	0	0	0	4	6	14	13	0	23	2	18	0	0	0
OPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSHA	0	2	0	2,630	1,779	905	1,579	20	3,806	1,962	81	0	0	0
OWCP	0	9	0	4	11	52	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
SOL	0	1	0	6	10	17	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
VETS	0	2	0	11	63	33	12	5	36	33	13	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHD	0	0	0	861	272	805	97	1	967	465	923	0	0	0
DOL OVERALL	0	24	10	3,718	2,359	2,338	1,879	34	5,304	2,507	1,130	1	0	6

VI. A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS - RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Appeals Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
ADJ BDS	1	2	2	1
ALJ	6	2	1	7
ASP	0	1	1	0
BLS	0	0	0	0
CFO	0	0	0	0
EBSA	10	5	8	7
ETA	20	9	15	14
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0
ILAB	0	0	0	0
MSHA	22	9	14	17
OASAM	14	6	7	13
OCIA	0	0	0	0
ODEP	0	0	0	0
OFCCP	4	7	7	4
OIG	0	1	0	1
OLMS	11	6	8	9
OPA	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0
OSHA	192	120	131	181
OWCP	42	49	51	40
SOL	5	3	3	5
VETS	10	6	5	11
WB	0	0	0	0
WHD	26	13	18	21
DOL OVERALL	363	239	271	331

VI.B. Disposition of Administrative Appeals - All Processed Appeals

Agency / Component	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
ADJ BDS	0	0	1	1	2

Agency / Component	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
ALJ	0	0	0	1	1
ASP	0	0	0	1	1
BLS	0	0	0	0	0
CFO	0	0	0	0	0
EBSA	0	0	3	5	8
ETA	0	0	4	11	15
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0	0
ILAB	0	0	0	0	0
MSHA	3	1	3	7	14
OASAM	0	0	2	5	7
OCIA	0	0	0	0	0
ODEP	0	0	0	0	0
OFCCP	1	0	1	5	7
OIG	0	0	0	0	0
OLMS	0	3	1	4	8
OPA	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0	0
OSHA	5	5	14	107	131
OWCP	0	0	12	39	51
SOL	2	0	0	1	3
VETS	0	1	0	4	5
WB	0	0	0	0	0
WHD	0	2	6	10	18
DOL OVERALL	11	12	47	201	271

C. (1) Reasons for Denial on Appeal - Number of Times Exemptions Applied

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Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
OLMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
OPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSHA	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
OWCP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOL	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHD	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
DOL Overall	0	0	0	2	5	3	7	0	12	5	0	0	0	0

VI.C. (2) Reasons for Denial on Appeal - Reasons Other Than Exemptions

Agency / Component	No Records	Records Referred at Initial Request Level	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper Request for Other Reasons	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request or Appeal	Request in Litigation	App. Basis for Sole Denial Request for Expedited Process
ADJ BDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(
ALJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(
ASP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
BLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
CFO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
EBSA	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	(
ETA	2	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	(
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
ILAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
MSHA	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	(
OASAM	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	(
OCIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
ODEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
OFCCP	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	(
OIG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
OLMS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	(
OPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
OSEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
OSHA	4	1	81	1	0	11	1	5	2	(
OWCP	4	0	6	0	0	5	0	1	0	(
SOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
VETS	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	(
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
WHD	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	2	1	(
DOL Overall	11	3	109	4	0	22	1	11	8	(

**VI.C. (3) Disposition of FOIA Requests - "Other" Reasons for " Denials on Appeal --
"Other" Reasons**

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials on Appeal from Chart C (2)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Replied Upon	TOTAL
ADJ BDS	N/A	0	0
ALJ	N/A	0	0
ASP	N/A	0	0
BLS	N/A	0	0
CFO	N/A	0	0
EBSA	Moot	1	1
ETA	Moot	2	2
EXEC SEC	N/A	0	0
ILAB	N/A	0	0
MSHA	Moot	1	1
OASAM	N/A	0	0
OCIA	N/A	0	0
ODEP	N/A	0	0
OFCCP	Moot	1	1
OIG	N/A	0	0

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials on Appeal from Chart C (2)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Replied Upon	TOTAL
OLMS	Moot	1	1
OPA	N/A	0	0
OSEC	N/A	0	0
OSHA	Moot	1	1
OWCP	Moot	23	1
SOL	N/A	0	0
VETS	N/A	0	0
WB	N/A	0	0
WHD	Moot	1	1
AGENCY OVERALL			32

C. (4) Response Time for Administrative Appeals

Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
ADJ BDS	106.00	106.00	29.00	183.00
ALJ	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
ASP	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00
BLS	0	0	0	0
CFO	0	0	0	0
EBSA	627.00	547.40	13.00	1,076.00
ETA	393.00	471.40	43.00	1,006.00
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0
ILAB	0	0	0	0
MSHA	551.00	532.40	12.00	981.00
OASAM	528	599.60	236.00	1,024.00

Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
OCIA	0	0	0	0
ODEP	0	0	0	0
OFCCP	50.00	147.40	7.00	676.00
OIG	0	0	0	0
OLMS	326.00	428.00	20.00	887.00
OPA	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0
OSHA	607.00	538.90	17.00	1,201.00
OWCP	50.00	268.00	0	1,150.00
SOL	848.00	695.00	175.00	1,062.00
VETS	689.00	762.40	672.00	955.00
WB	0	0	0	0
WHD	287.00	391.40	7.00	1,052.00
DOL Overall	518.00	461.40	0	1,201.00

VI.C. (5) Ten Oldest Pending Administrative Appeals

Agency/ Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
ADJ BDS	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/5/2016
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	666
ALJ	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	2018-03-16	2017-06-12	2017-02-06	2017-01-27	2016-12-16	2016-11-14	2016-07-29
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	137	327	415	421	448	471	544
ASP	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLS	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CFO	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBSA	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	2018-09-18	2018-06-25	2018-05-31	2017-08-29	2017-06-16	2016-01-15	2015-11-05
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	8	67	84	272	323	680	727
ETA	Date of Appeal	2018-07-16	2018-06-29	2018-06-29	2017-10-11	2017-07-14	2016-10-19	2016-05-12	2016-01-15	2015-12-11	2015-02-24

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Agency/ Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
OSEC	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSHA	Date of Appeal	2015-07-21	2015-06-22	2015-06-22	2015-06-11	2015-06-11	2015-04-27	2015-01-20	2014-11-18	2014-10-27	2014-07-07
	Number of Days Pending	802	822	822	829	829	861	929	970	985	1063
OWCP	Date of Appeal	2015-02-24	2015-02-09	2012-08-09	2012-06-15	2011-12-06	2011-12-06	2011-12-06	2011-12-06	2011-12-06	2011-11-21
	Number of Days Pending	905	915	1540	1578	1711	1711	1711	1711	1711	1711
SOL	Date-of-Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2018-08-06	2018-06-29	2017-12-13	2016-11-28	2016-10-05
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	38	63	200	462	497
VETS	Date of Appeal	2018-06-26	2018-05-14	2018-03-16	2018-02-16	2016-11-01	2016-07-29	2016-06-30	2015-12-16	2015-10-07	2015-09-15
	Number of Days Pending	66	96	137	156	479	544	564	700	747	763
WB	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHD	Date of Appeal	2016-11-06	2016-10-14	2016-08-22	2016-05-11	2015-12-16	2015-10-16	2015-08-31	2015-08-24	2015-07-21	2015-06-11
	Number of Days Pending	479	491	528	599	700	741	773	778	802	829
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Appeal	2014-09-29	2014-07-07	2012-08-09	2012-06-15	2011-12-06	2011-12-06	2011-12-06	2011-12-06	2011-12-06	2011-11-21
	Number of Days Pending	1,004	1,063	1,540	1,578	1,711	1,711	1,711	1,711	1,711	1,771

VII.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR ALL PROCESSED PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days
ADJ BDS	11.5	12.6	<1	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	9.3	5	14
ADJ BDS	11.5	12.6	<1	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	9.3	5	14
ALJ	10	66.7	1	643	10	30.7	<1	195	48	33	1	50

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days
ASP	15	15	10	20	13	36.7	<1	245	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BLS	15	14.3	<1	24	18.5	22.7	4	50	38.5	38.5	35	42
CFO	12	12	12	12	18	76.7	<1	585	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EBSA	7	12.2	<1	110	17	36.6	<1	714	62.5	290.3	9	1027
ETA	6	9.4	<1	343	15	22.9	<1	947	7	10.3	3	21
EXEC SEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ILAB	24.5	22.2	1	36	20	24.3	10	47	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MSHA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	17.9	<1	798	235	204	31	346
OASAM	15	29.7	2	121	36	77.6	<1	1095	13	23.4	4	99
OCIA	5.5	9	2	20	82	72.3	20	141	2	2	2	2
ODEP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	103	103	103	103	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OFCCP	7.5	12	1	46	14	28.4	<1	613	2	3.8	1	10
OIG	7	8	<1	20	28	68	<1	571	15	15	15	15
OLMS	6	11.6	2	33	36.5	43.8	3	155	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OSEC	110	11	13	207	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OSHA	5	11.9	<1	451	9	20.9	<1	2389	8	19.9	<1	280
OWCP	14	26.2	<1	747	16	25.8	<1	350	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOL	17.5	17.5	15	20	70	88.7	<1	516	47.5	47.5	22	73
VETS	19	17.1	6	31	14.5	15	<1	46	26	26	26	26
WB	8	10.7	2	28	32.5	37.3	<1	93	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WHD	17	57.6	<1	1154	25	66.9	<1	1556	6	30.2	2	120
AGENCY OVERALL	7	24	<1	1154	12	28	<1	2389	11.5	42.8	<1	1027

Due to a system limitation, the charts in this section may contain information about unperfected requests.

VII.B. Processed Requests - Response Time for Perfected Requests in Which Information Was Granted

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days
ADJ BDS	11	10.8	3	24	22	22	22	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ALJ	13	15.1	7	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	7	5	9
ASP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.5	59.9	5	245	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BLS	13	12.3	<1	21	18	21.2	10	35	38.5	38.5	35	42

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days	Median Number Of Days	Average Number Of Days	Lowest Number Of Days	Highest Number Of Days
CFO	12	12	12	12	20.5	122.8	3	585	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EBSA	14.5	17.4	<1	110	21	52.5	<1	714	9	348.3	9	1027
ETA	11	10.7	<1	21	15	23.4	<1	947	14	14	7	21
EXEC SEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ILAB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	23	23	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MSHA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	19.4	<1	798	235	204	31	346
OASAM	11	26.3	6	121	47.5	81.4	3	344	14	14	13	15
OCIA	6	6	6	6	85	85	85	85	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ODEP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	103	103	103	103	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OFCCP	9	12	1	38	17	32.8	1	613	10	3	32	4
OIG	2	9	1	18	20	132	2	571	15	15	15	15
OLMS	63	8	2	22	44	54.6	4	155	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OSEC	207	207	207	207	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OSHA	8	16	<1	198	14	22.9	<1	2057	6	18.7	<1	280
OWCP	17	26.2	<1	166	17.5	25.2	<1	350	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SOL	17.5	17.5	15	20	84	100.5	<1	516	47.5	47.5	22	73
VETS	1919	17.3	6	31	15	16.1	<1	46	26	26	26	26
WB	22	22	22	22	61	53	5	93	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WHD	24	54.4	<1	97.3	25	64.5	<1	1556	6	30.2	2	120
AGENCY OVERALL	13	26.2	<1	973	15	30.7	<1	2057	11	50.9	<1	1027

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VII.C. PROCESSED SIMPLE REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

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Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
MSHA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OASAM	10	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
OCIA	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
ODEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OFCCP	34	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
OIG	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
OLMS	16	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
OPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
OSHA	2,187	247	80	38	16	10	3	3	0	2	3	0	1	2,590
OWCP	205	63	23	10	3	1	4	3	4	0	0	0	1	317
SOL	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
VETS	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
WB	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
WHD	649	161	92	67	42	19	24	11	3	3	20	37	33	1,161
DOL OVERALL	3,843	537	198	117	62	33	32	19	10	8	26	40	38	4,963

Due to a system limitation, the charts in this section may contain information about unperfected requests.

VII.C. PROCESSED COMPLEX REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
ADJ BDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALJ	48	13	6	3	2	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	79
ASP	20	6	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	34
BLS	10	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
CFO	14	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	23
EBSA	274	107	21	6	11	1	6	3	4	1	11	1	7	453
ETA	293	45	8	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	362
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILAB	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
MSHA	615	44	26	13	9	10	1	1	1	5	3	1	1	730
OASAM	53	48	20	8	9	11	1	7	2	2	10	5	3	179
OCIA	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
ODEP	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OFCCP	111	29	13	9	1	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	171
OIG	13	11	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	32
OLMS	14	16	9	4	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	50
OPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSHA	4,601	901	292	124	68	46	32	12	9	5	19	6	13	6,128
OWCP	229	60	4	6	11	2	0	0	3	0	5	2	0	322
SOL	24	8	28	12	9	5	26	2	3	3	9	0	1	130

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
VETS	101	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
WB	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
WHD	344	184	69	48	30	14	23	10	5	3	20	18	26	794
DOL OVERALL	6,770	1,500	505	239	160	104	94	44	31	22	79	36	57	9,641

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VII.C. PROCESSED REQUESTS GRANTED EXPEDITED PROCESSING -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency/Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
ADJ BDS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
ALJ	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
ASP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLS	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CFO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBSA	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
ETA	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILAB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSHA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
OASAM	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
OCIA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ODEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OFCCP	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
OIG	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OLMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSHA	29	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	33
OWCP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOL	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
VETS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHD	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
DOL OVERALL	55	8	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	75

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VII.D. PENDING REQUESTS -- ALL PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE	COMPLEX	EXPEDITED PROCESSING
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Agency / Component	SIMPLE			COMPLEX			PERFECTED		
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days
ADJ BDS	1	13	13	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
ALJ	0	N/A	N/A	7	18	57.3	0	N/A	N/A
ASP	0	N/A	N/A	3	150	102.3	0	N/A	N/A
BLS	0	N/A	N/A	4	9.5	102.3	0	N/A	N/A
CFO	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
EBSA	3	93	109.3	26	59	55.6	3	445	12
ETA	0	N/A	N/A	57	10	36.9	0	N/A	N/A
EXEC SEC	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
ILAB	0	N/A	N/A	2	431.5	16	0	N/A	N/A
MSHA	0	N/A	N/A	80	59.5	88.5	0	N/A	N/A
OASAM	0	N/A	N/A	9	17	80	0	N/A	N/A
OCIA	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
ODEP	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
OFCCP	0	N/A	N/A	18	37	81.5	0	N/A	N/A
OIG	0	N/A	N/A	43	228	323	0	N/A	N/A
OLMS	0	N/A	N/A	1	6	6	0	N/A	N/A
OPA	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
OSEC	0	N/A	N/A	8	36	111.1	0	N/A	N/A
OSHA	13	81	41.7	589	21	27.6	0	N/A	N/A
OWCP	0	N/A	N/A	73	31	59	0	N/A	N/A
SOL	0	N/A	N/A	44	149.5	200.1	0	N/A	N/A
VETS	0	N/A	N/A	6	25	17.5	0	N/A	N/A
WB	0	N/A	N/A	3	22	10.7	0	N/A	N/A
WHD	3	88	78.7	489	97	129.6	2	443	5
AGENCY OVERALL	20	84.5	197	1463	40	76.3	5	445	9.2

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VII.E. PENDING REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

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Agency/ Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd
OSEC	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	08/22/2018	08/22/2018	08/15/2018	08/13/2018	08/03/2018	03/14/2018	03/01/201
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	26	26	31	33	39	121	13
OSHA	Date of Appeal	12/16/2015	12/14/2015	11/11/2015	10/21/2015	09/11/2015	05/11/2015	03/10/2015	02/26/2015	07/30/201
	Number of Days Pending	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	887	95
OWCP	Date of Appeal	10/12/2017	09/13/2017	06/14/2017	05/18/2016	02/01/2016	08/19/2015	02/10/2014	01/28/2014	01/28/201
	Number of Days Pending	238	249	273	593	670	780	1,017	1,053	1,06
SOL	Date of Appeal	07/24/2017	07/21/2017	07/21/2017	07/19/2017	07/17/2017	07/17/2017	06/22/2017	02/15/2017	01/26/201
	Number of Days Pending	298	298	298	301	302	302	316	399	42
VETS	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	09/07/2018	08/20/2018	08/16/2018	08/15/2018	07/26/201
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	6	6	7	22	3
WB	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	09/07/2018	08/20/201
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1
WHD	Date of Appeal	01/29/2016	01/25/2016	12/17/2015	11/23/2015	11/05/2015	09/03/2015	08/18/2015	11/18/2014	02/07/201
	Number of Days Pending	662	667	697	716	727	752	782	966	1,04
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Appeal	02/26/2015	11/18/2014	07/30/2014	06/24/2014	02/10/2014	02/07/2014	01/28/2014	01/28/2014	07/22/201
	Number of Days Pending	887	966	998	1,001	1,017	1,045	1,053	1,061	1,30

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Some work day ranges reported appear to be out of sequence based on the date of the receipt of the request. However, this is attributed to requests that have been "tolled" once for clarification and/or "tolled" on one occasion or more to resolve fee matters consistent with the provisions of the statute.

VIII.A. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Days
ADJ BDS	2	1	3	11.7	2
ALJ	1	9	10	50.4	5
ASP	0	1	15	15	0
BLS	20	1	8	13.3	2
CFO	0	4	87.5	86.3	1
EBSA	4	13	10	67.7	9
ETA	0	16	16	41.3	5
EXEC SEC	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
ILAB	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
MSHA	3	6	9	15	5
OASAM	1	13	108	131.9	1
OCIA	1	0	2	2	1
ODEP	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
OFCCP	0	7	11	33.1	3
OIG	1	2	10	10	3
OLMS	0	2	5	5	2
OPA	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
OSEC	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
OSHA	20	101	7	19.6	74
OWCP	0	15	139	164	4
SOL	2	13	139	164	1
VETS	0	2	12.5	12.5	1
WB	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
WHD	3	42	22	93.5	18
DOL OVERALL	58	248	13	50.9	137

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VIII.B. REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
ADJ BDS	1	4	2	5.6
ALJ	4	6	30	40.9
ASP	0	17	23	52.5
BLS	11	4	3	5.3

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
CFO	0	8	14.5	42.1
EBSA	41	27	11	28.3
ETA	13	77	6	36
EXEC SEC	0	0	N/A	N/A
ILAB	0	1	28	28
MSHA	18	8	10	13.1
OASAM	33	27	40	87.3
OCIA	2	1	18	25.3
ODEP	0	0	N/A	N/A
OFCCP	2	20	16	19.6
OIG	4	0	0	0
OLMS	0	8	6	7.6
OPA	0	0	N/A	N/A
OSEC	0	0	N/A	N/A
OSHA	160	182	8	22.9
OWCP	4	38	27.5	67
SOL	10	26	112	116.4
VETS	6	4	10.5	11.1
WB	0	3	3	11.7
WHD	46	130	50	140.7
DOL OVERALL	355	591	15	56

IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

Agency / Component	PERSONNEL			COSTS		
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full-Time FOIA Staff"	Processing Costs	Litigation-Related Costs	Total Costs
ADJ BDS	0	0.5	0.5	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00
ALJ	0	2	2	\$185,500	\$0.00	\$185,500.00
ASP	0	0.95	0.95	\$99,789	\$0.00	\$99,789
BLS	0	0.55	0.55	\$80,370	\$0.00	\$80,370
CFO	0	0.25	0.25	\$35,000	\$0.00	\$35,000
EBSA	0	7.72	7.72	\$800,143	\$0.00	\$800,143
ETA	8	13.87	21.87	\$1,824,451	\$0.00	\$1,824,451
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ILAB	0	0.1	0.1	\$12,099	\$0.00	\$12,099
MSHA	5	17.21	22.21	\$2,624,551	\$0.00	\$2,624,551
OASAM	0	11	11	\$1,371,582	\$0.00	\$1,371,582
OCIA	0	0.33	0.33	\$33,660	\$0.00	\$33,660
ODEP	0	0.01	0.01	\$1,600	\$0.00	\$1,600

Agency / Component	PERSONNEL			COSTS		
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full-Time FOIA Staff"	Processing Costs	Litigation-Related Costs	Total Costs
OFCCP	1	4.89	5.89	\$713,007	\$0.00	\$713,007
OIG	1	0	1	\$145,000	\$0.00	\$145,000
OLMS	0	1	1	\$100,203	\$0.00	\$100,203
OPA	0	0.1	0.1	\$7,700	\$0.00	\$7,700
OSEC	1	0	1	\$96,970	\$0.00	\$96,970
OSHA	2	55.36	57.36	\$5,040,810	\$0.00	\$5,040,810
OWCP	2	1.2	3.2	\$336,021	\$0.00	\$336,021
SOL	9	6.39	15.39	\$1,625,855	\$511,796	\$2,137,651
VETS	1	2.48	3.48	\$324,000	\$0.00	\$324,000
WB	0	0.35	0.35	\$44,450	\$0.00	\$44,450
WHD	12	0.69	12.69	\$1,063,575	\$0.00	\$1,063,575
AGENCY OVERALL	42	126.95	168.95	\$16,583,836	511796	\$17,095,632

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
ADJ BDS	\$348.75	1.99%
ALJ	\$809.25	0.44%
ASP	\$0.00	0%
BLS	\$0.00	0%
CFO	\$0.00	0%
EBSA	\$8,071.75	1.01%
ETA	\$1,368.05	0.07%
EXEC SEC	\$0.00	0%
ILAB	\$0.00	0%
MSHA	\$9,832.75	0.37%
OASAM	\$0.00	0%
OCIA	\$0.00	0%
ODEP	\$0.00	0%
OFCCP	\$1,489.25	0.21%
OIG	\$0.00	0%
OLMS	\$0.00	0%
OPA	\$0.00	0%
OSEC	\$0.00	0%
OSHA	\$138,646.50	2.75%
OWCP	\$21,812.00	6.49%
SOL	\$240.00	0.01%
VETS	\$1,045.50	0.32%

Agency / Component	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
WB	\$0.00	0%
WHD	\$4,869.00	0.46%
DOL OVERALL	\$188,532.80	1.14%

XI.A. NUMBER OF TIMES SUBSECTION (C) USED

Agency / Component	Number of Times Subsection Used
ADJ BDS	0
ALJ	0
ASP	0
BLS	0
CFO	0
EBSA	0
ETA	0
EXEC SEC	0
ILAB	0
MSHA	0
OASAM	0
OCIA	0
ODEP	0
OFCCP	0
OIG	0
OLMS	0
OPA	0
OSEC	0
OSHA	0
OWCP	0
SOL	0
VETS	0
WB	0
WHD	0
DOL OVERALL	0

XI.B. NUMBER OF SUBSECTION (A)(2) POSTINGS

Agency / Component	Number of Records Posted by the FOIA Office	Number of Records Posted by Program Offices
ADJ BDS	0	0
ALJ	274	0
ASP	0	0
BLS	0	0
CFO	0	0
EBSA	0	0
ETA	0	0
EXEC SEC	0	0
ILAB	0	0
MSHA	41	0
OASAM	0	0

Agency / Component	Number of Records Posted by the FOIA Office	Number of Records Posted by Program Offices
OCIA	0	0
ODEP	0	0
OFCCP	82	0
OIG	3	0
OLMS	344	0
OPA	0	0
OSEC	19	0
OSHA	0	0
OWCP	26	0
SOL	16	0
VETS	0	0
WB	0	0
WHD	53	0
DOL OVERALL	858	0

XII. BACKLOGS, CONSULTATIONS AND COMPARISONS

XII.A. BACKLOGS OF FOIA REQUESTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
ADJ BDS	0	1
ALJ	3	7
ASP	2	0
BLS	0	0
CFO	0	0
EBSA	13	6
ETA	9	14
EXEC SEC	0	0
ILAB	0	0
MSHA	48	17
OASAM	4	13
OCIA	0	0
ODEP	0	0
OFCCP	13	3
OIG	40	1
OLMS	0	9
OPA	0	0
OSEC	7	0
OSHA	199	176
OWCP	50	37
SOL	36	5
VETS	1	11
WB	1	0
WHD	390	20
DOL OVERALL	816	320

XII.B. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING CONSULTATIONS

Agency / Component	Number of Consultations Received From Other Agencies That Were <u>Pending</u> at DOL as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Processed</u> by DOL During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were <u>Pending</u> at DOL as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
ADJ BDS	0	0	0	0
ALJ	0	0	0	0
ASP	0	0	0	0
BLS	0	1	1	0
CFO	0	0	0	0
EBSA	0	2	2	0
ETA	0	6	6	0
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0
ILAB	0	0	0	0
MSHA	0	0	0	0
OASAM	0	0	0	0
OCIA	0	0	0	0
ODEP	0	0	0	0
OFCCP	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	8	7	1
OLMS	0	0	0	0
OPA	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0
OSHA	1	20	20	1
OWCP	0	2	2	0
SOL	0	1	1	0
VETS	0	1	1	0
WB	0	0	0	0
WHD	1	3	2	2
DOL OVERALL	2	44	42	4

At the end of FY2017, DOL reported six consultations pending with OSHA. During fiscal year 2017, as part of DOL's continuing review of SIMS-FOIA data, DOL identified that of the six consultations we reported pending with OSHA; one actually was being handled by SOL. This report has been updated to reflect that the number of consultations received from other agencies that were pending at DOL as of the start of FY2017, is five for OSHA and one for SOL.

XII.C. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND PENDING AT THE AGENCY

Agency/ Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
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Agency/ Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
OPA	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSEC	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSHA	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	09/11/2018
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
OWCP	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOL	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VETS	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHD	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	08/06/2018	04/05/2016
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	374
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	09/11/2018	09/08/2018	08/06/2018	04/05/2016
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	34	38	374

XII.D.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- REQUESTS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report"	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report"	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report"	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
ADJ BDS	26	26	26	25
ALJ	217	127	216	130
ASP	32	32	28	35
BLS	44	43	40	45
CFO	5	19	2	24
EBSA	722	529	704	581
ETA	1,343	873	1,366	873

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report"	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report"	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report"	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0
ILAB	10	11	14	10
MSHA	1,066	756	1,096	734
OASAM	151	166	142	203
OCIA	32	12	37	14
ODEP	10	0	9	1
OFCCP	181	223	189	218
OIG	72	91	82	72
OLMS	77	65	77	73
OPA	1	0	1	0
OSEC	87	8	93	2
OSHA	9,078	8,792	9,097	8,750
OWCP	423	617	378	642
SOL	128	141	114	134
VETS	145	135	144	140
WB	14	14	12	13
WHD	2,229	2,016	2,237	1,960
AGENCY OVERALL	16,093	14,696	16,104	14,679

As reported above during fiscal year 2017, as part of DOL's continuing review of SIMS-FOIA data, DOL identified additional requests that were received during FY2016 but that were not placed into active processing and tracking status until after the end of fiscal year 2016. As a part of this review we determined that additional request may have been received and fully processed but not properly documented in the FOIA tracking system. Accordingly this section of the report has been revised to reflect that an additional 247 FOIA requests have been identified as being received by the Department during FY2016 and an additional 154 requests have been identified as being fully processed and closed during the same time period. Accordingly the number of requests received from last year's Annual Report has been revised from 16,196 to 16,470. Similarly, the number of processed requests from last year's Annual Report has been revised from 16,466 to 16,620.

XII.D.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
ADJ BDS	0	0
ALJ	0	3
ASP	0	2
BLS	2	0
CFO	3	0
EBSA	59	13
ETA	8	9
EXEC SEC	0	0
ILAB	0	0
MSHA	29	48
OASAM	21	4
OCIA	1	0
ODEP	1	0
OFCCP	5	13
OIG	24	40
OLMS	1	0
OPA	0	0
OSEC	1	7
OSHA	115	199
OWCP	21	50
SOL	18	36
VETS	3	1
WB	1	1
WHD	281	390
DOL OVERALL	594	816

XII.E.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- APPEALS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF PROCESSED <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report"	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report"	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report"	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
ADJ BDS	0	2	0	2
ALJ	6	2	1	1
ASP	0	1	0	1
BLS	0	0	0	0
CFO	0	0	0	0
EBSA	9	5	6	8
ETA	21	9	45	15
EXEC SEC	0	0	0	0

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF APPEALS RECEIVED		NUMBER OF PROCESSED PROCESSED	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report"	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report"	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report"	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
ILAB	0	0	0	0
MSHA	10	9	7	14
OASAM	10	6	7	7
OCIA	0	0	0	0
ODEP	0	0	0	0
OFCCP	6	7	10	7
OIG	1	1	1	0
OLMS	7	6	6	8
OPA	0	0	0	0
OSEC	0	0	0	0
OSHA	109	120	130	131
OWCP	27	49	62	51
SOL	4	3	4	3
VETS	3	6	8	5
WB	0	0	0	0
WHD	15	13	19	18
AGENCY OVERALL	228	239	306	271

XII.E.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
ADJ BDS	1	1
ALJ	6	7
ASP	0	0
BLS	0	0
CFO	0	0
EBSA	10	6
ETA	19	14
EXEC SEC	0	0
ILAB	0	0
MSHA	20	17
OASAM	14	13
OCIA	0	0

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
ODEP	0	0
OFCCP	4	3
OIG	0	1
OLMS	11	9
OPA	0	0
OSEC	0	0
OSHA	184	176
OWCP	37	37
SOL	5	5
VETS	10	11
WB	0	0
WHD	25	20
DOL OVERALL	346	320

F. Discussion of Other FOIA Activities (optional)

As a part of the overall improvement of DOL's decentralized FOIA program, under direction of the Chief FOIA Officer, OIS continues to promote initiatives that are aimed at improving the FOIA administrative processes across DOL. The Department continues to work towards: improved customer service to our internal and external customers by providing clear and consistent FOIA responses; increased transparency by continuing to make discretionary disclosures of information where there is no foreseeable harm; and expanding DOL affirmative disclosures through the agency website and other mechanisms. DOL has also established robust process measures to closely monitor the timeliness of FOIA processing and backlog reduction.

As discussed in prior reports, DOL continues to analyze and review the data that resulted from our audit of the Department's FOIA data and located an additional number of FOIA requests that had not been properly logged into the FOIA tracking system. This ongoing initiative reaffirms our commitment to providing and publishing the most accurate data for the purposes of FOIA reporting, ensured that all FOIA requests received by the Department are answered as accurately and completely as possible and gave an opportunity for OIS to continue addressing data reconciliation issues and make it a part of our regularly scheduled program reviews. In light of all this, the Department still managed to process more requests than it received, and exceed the required goals for backlog reduction.

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